



Students Mindy Fyfe and Daniel Frawley shooting a film clip for Singer Emma Dean

School is back! 2010 classes are underway and we welcome new Stage Combat, Technique and Theatre teachers, a new toilet block and a new paint job!



The Actors Workshop

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Industry News

QPIX calls for short film scripts and memberships get new look for 2010

QPIX is putting the call out to all writers to put the finishing touches on your short film scripts as QPIX will be accepting scripts for the 2010 initiatives opportunities from Friday 12 February.

Closing date will be Friday 19 March. All submissions must meet the QPIX guidelines to be eligible for consideration.

The guidelines will be on the QPIX website soon.

Eye of the Alumni: Emelia Burns

Condemned to a great career, Emelia is taking off in 2010.

Graduate Emelia Burns has been working pretty much constantly since she finished her studies at the Workshop in 2006. Fresh from graduating, she was cast in the feature film **The Condemned** co-starring Vinnie Jones which enjoyed a world wide release. Currently filming series 2 of the Jonathan Shiff Production **The Elephant Princess**, Emelia plays Diva in the children's fantasy and says it's brought her a unique set of challenges. "Time is something there's never enough of when shooting a TV series as compared to film. I've learned that you have to be adaptable, and ready to take on new directions. Things often change at the last minute so quick thinking and understanding is a must have asset. I was taught this at the Workshop, and understood it on film sets, but it didn't really sink in until I starting working in Television."



Production still from The Condemned

Aside from working in some beautiful locations with terrific crew and cast mates, Emelia is grateful for the opportunities she's been given. "The best advice I could give anyone starting out in the business, is to know without a doubt, that acting is what you want to do with your life, because it's a tough industry out there, and more than often, not as glamorous as its made out to be. Its hard work, and requires dedication and passion. However, the thrill of living your dreams is worth every minute."

Emelia will also be seen alongside **Katie Holmes**, **Guy Pearce** and **Jack Thompson** in **Don't be Afraid of the Dark** written and produced by **Guillermo Del Toro** (Pan's Labyrinth, Hellboy, The Hobbit) due for release later in 2010 - keep an eye out for her. The Elephant Princess will air internationally and around Australia on the **Channel TEN network** and the **Disney Channel**.

Best in Show

Rob Doran

Graduate and teacher is directing a production of his first stage play, **Battle**

Scarred Phallic Wounds, in a night of one act plays, to be produced by the **Tamborine Mountain Little Theatre Company**, from the 09th to the 24th of April 2010. The play, starring graduate



Margie Turner

Margie Turner, was first scribed in the late 90's and then further developed under the auspices of the **QTC Emerging Playwrights program** in 2000. Ten years later, after much tweaking, revision and hand wringing, it will finally come alive and live or die, at the mercy of an audience.

Venue: The Zamia Theatre, Main Street, North Tamborine
Inquiries: adlibamalgam@hotmail.com

Friends of the Workshop

Past student **Carmel Savage** at the **New York Premiere of Peter and Michael Spierig's Daybreakers**. Carmel can currently be seen jetting around the world in the **Flight Centre international ad campaign**, and has 2 special projects with **Accomplice TV** in the works, stay tuned...



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The Noticeboard

* Maintenance Class commences 02nd March. Classes will be run in 4 week blocks, from 6.30pm - 10.30pm Tuesday nights. The \$80 fee is payable up front at commencement of the block. To book contact The Workshop on 3891 1411.

***Please note no drop-ins.

* A thousand apologies to Michael **Thomson** for mis-spelling his name in our last issue - we don't even like peas!

In the Works

* Graduate **Ellen Hardisty** is performing at **The Apple Tree** with **Play with your food** Theatre ensemble on March 03rd Book online at www.westontix.homestead.com for a great night of food and Theatre.

* Welcome **Niki-J Witt** our **new Stage Combat teacher**. Niki has worked as a fight director, actor, singer and dancer in London and Australia, we're very pleased to have you on-board Niki.

* **Matthew McDowell** scored a supporting role as a horse owner in the Korean Drama series **Paradise Meadow**, it will be shown throughout Asia.

* After a great year in 2009 treading the boards touring with her play **The Loss** Graduate, **Tegan Devine** will soon assistant direct a play called **The Tavern of Coral Cove** written by **Adrian Ferguson**. This production is a part of the **Brisbane Youth Drama Ensemble** and opens at **The Arts Theatre** in May. Tegan also appears in the **Energex commercial** currently airing.

* Teacher and Graduate **Troy Mackinder** has completed his book and supplementary CD/DVD **Practically Speaking - A guide to learning the American accent**. Available through his website at: www.practicallyspeaking.com.au